

U.S. Route 34 Planning Process

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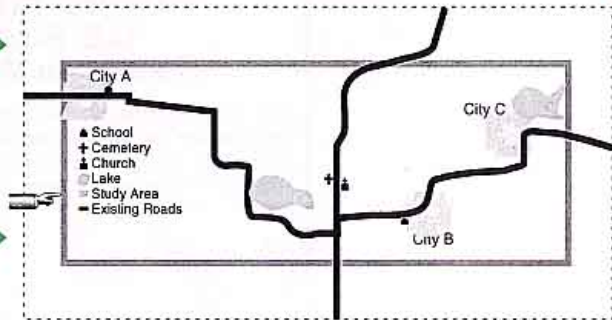
Data Acquisition

- Public Meeting - September 1996
- Corridor Reevaluation

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Evaluate Study Area

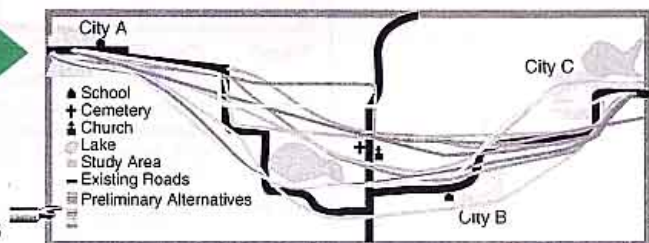
- Freeway/Expressway Study
- Monmouth Area Study
- Public Meeting - April 1997



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Develop Preliminary Alternatives

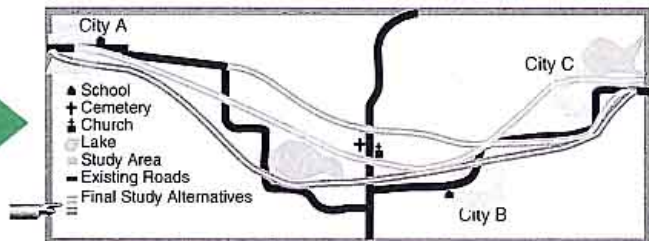
- Identify Preliminary Alignments
- Establish Design Criteria
- Evaluate Alternatives
- Reduce the Number of Alternatives
- Public Meeting - November 1997



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Select Final Study Alternatives

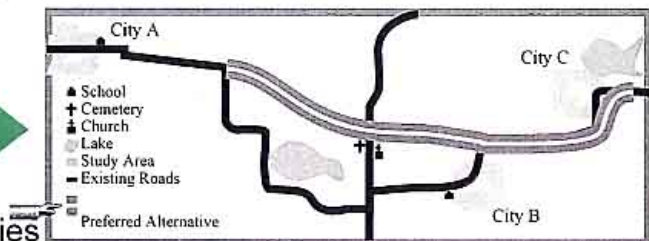
- Refine Alignment Studies
- Detailed Impact Analysis
- Evaluate Alternatives
- Reduce the Number of Alternatives
- Public Meeting - November 1998



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Identify Preferred Alternative

- Refine Alignment
- Perform Detailed Engineering Studies
- Prepare Preliminary Draft EIS & Design Report
- Public Meeting - 1999



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Hold Public Hearing

- Gather Comments on Draft EIS
- Discuss Right-of-Way Needs

We Are Here



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Final Engineering Design Report



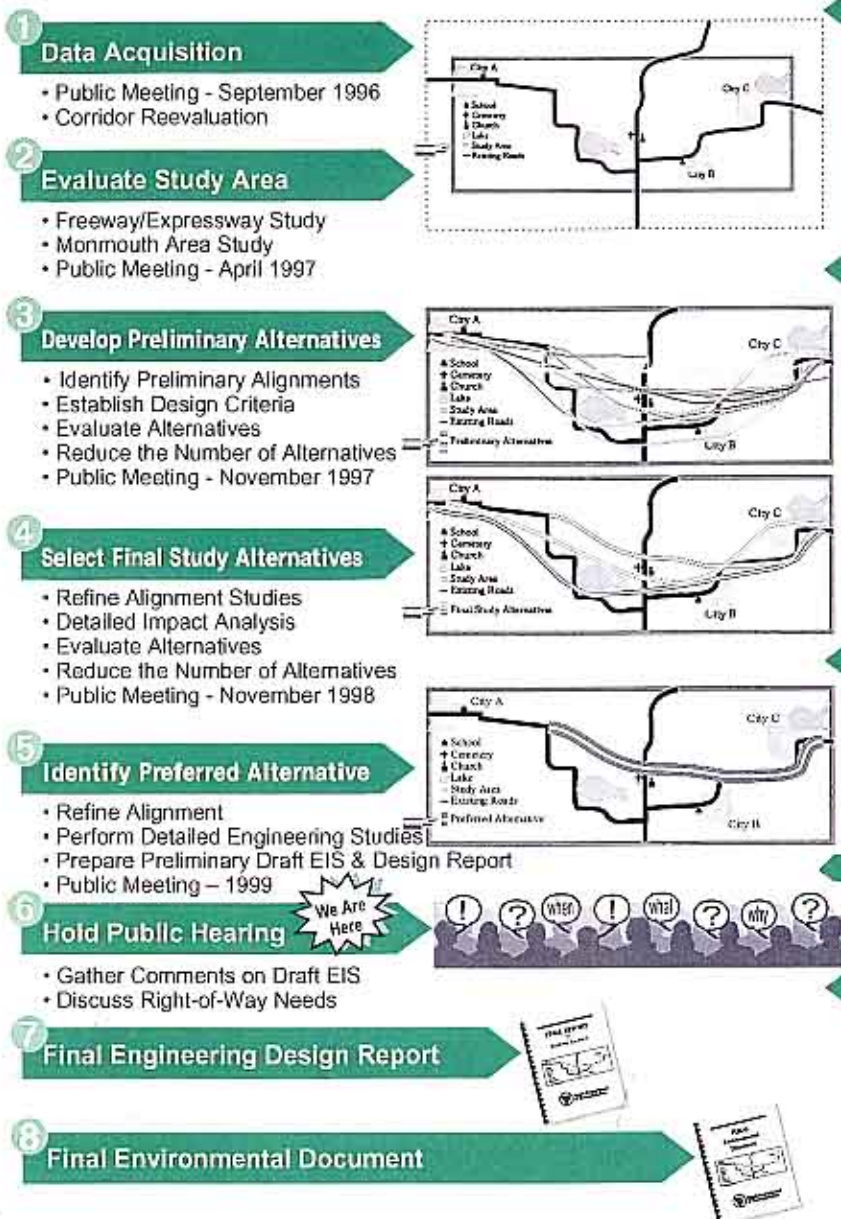
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Final Environmental Document



Public/Agency Input

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Review the Report

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the Draft Design Report are available at the following locations for public review and comment. Comments received on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement by May 13, 2002, will be considered before finalizing the report.

Warren County Public Library
62 West Side Plaza
Monmouth, Illinois
Hours: M-F 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Kirkwood Branch Library
134 South Kirk
Kirkwood, Illinois
Hours: M-F 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Burlington Public Library
501 North Fourth Street
Burlington, Iowa
Hours: M-F 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Galesburg Public Library
40 East Simmons Street
Galesburg, Illinois
Hours: M-F 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Biggsville Library
Hillcrest Drive
Biggsville, Illinois
Hours: M-S 10 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m.-5p.m.

Questions/Comments

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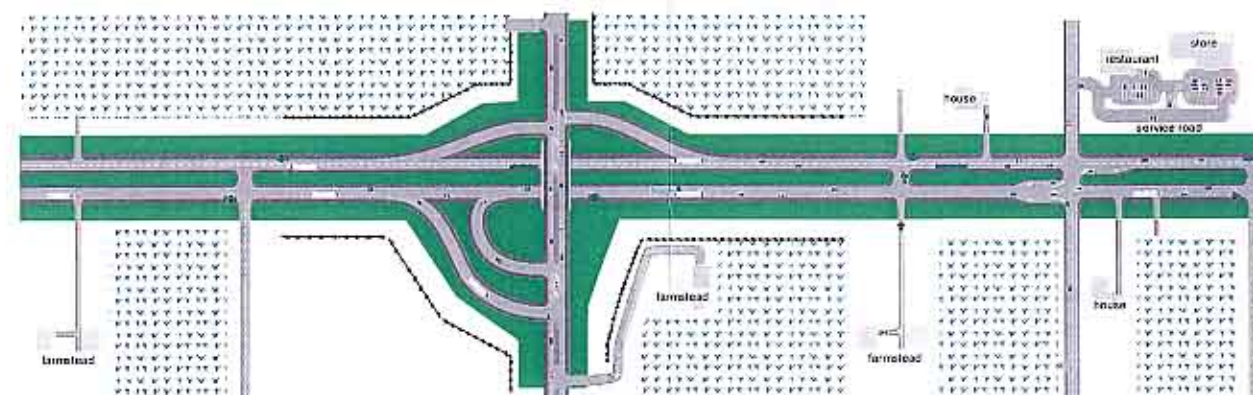
PUBLIC HEARING

U.S. ROUTE 34

Gulfport to Monmouth

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Biggsville, Illinois



TYPICAL RURAL EXPRESSWAY

Purpose of Tonight's Meeting

Welcome to the public hearing for the location study of U.S. Route 34 from Gulfport to Monmouth.

Information available tonight includes the preferred location of a proposed four-lane expressway from Carman Road to U.S. Route 67, as well as recommendations for improvements to the Monmouth northwest expressway. The map on the inside of this handout shows the basic location of the improvement. Property acquisition and relocation information is also available.

Also available is a Draft Environmental Impact Statement which discusses the purpose of the proposed project, the alternatives that were considered, and the impacts to the human and natural resources of the preferred alternative. This document is available for public review and comment.

Please feel free to ask questions tonight and provide written comments on the enclosed form.

Project Objectives

The purpose of the location study is to determine the most appropriate location for a new and/or upgraded highway from Carman Road in Gulfport to east of Monmouth. The objectives for this project have been identified as:

Travel Safety – reduce potential for accidents by providing flatter curves and hills, wider shoulders and passing lanes, and by otherwise upgrading the existing highway.

System Continuity – provide a roadway similar to the facilities being constructed just west of Carman Road and east of Monmouth, making the entire section of U.S. Route 34 between Galesburg and the Iowa border a four-lane roadway.

System Capacity – provide a roadway system that adequately handles the volumes of current, future, local and through traffic, allowing for free-flowing movements for motorists.



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